

FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE

"SMOKEY CITY" TO GET J. J. JONES



JOHN PAUL JONES, BREAKING THE TAPE.

New York, May 17.—When John Paul Jones, holder of the world's record for the mile run, is graduated from Cornell university next month he will go direct to Pittsburgh, where he has already made arrangements to begin his engineering career. Followers of athletics in the "Smokey City" welcome this news with joy in spite of the fact that Jones has announced that he does not intend to compete after leaving college.

The Pittsburgh Athletics club has grown to be one of the foremost athletic organizations in the country and there is but little doubt that Jones will be induced to join the club when he settles in the western Pennsylvania town.

ANTIPODEAN TENNIS CHAMPIONS IN U. S.



Horace Rice (top) and A. B. Jones. The tennis champions chosen to represent Australasia in the preliminary of this year's Davis cup, which will be played June 6, 7 and 9 in New York, have arrived in San Francisco from Sydney.

BROOKLYN HAS "TEAM"

Bill Dahlen Has a Crew Who Are in the Top Class and Are Playing Real Baseball

(BY MONTY)

New York, May 17.—Were it customary ever to use a Brooklyn date line—which it is not—this would be with "Brooklyn, May 17," for it concerns big doings among the trans-pontine populace which is unused to such things. Brooklyn has a baseball team. Not since the days of Ned Hanlon, in the first few years of the century, has such a state of affairs existed. A baseball team in Brooklyn—who ever heard of such a thing? Yet this time it is a team, and no joke about it. You in outlying districts, who have watched the standing of the clubs knew that the dodgers have been winning games, lots of them, but so have other teams in the past, many of them simply through getting the breaks of the game and not because of sheer merit. But the present Brooklyn crew is not one of those lucky slip-through propositions. It is playing baseball.

For three years Bill Dahlen has heard the taunts of fans calling him a joke manager and during those same three years he was unable to land any higher than the second division. His predecessors, Lumley and Donovan, did equally as poorly following the departure of Hanlon and the old guard. Charles H. Ebbets led those two out because they simply didn't "show anything." The fans howled for him to treat Dahlen likewise, but Ebbets, kidded man as he is, was wise. Dahlen showed him something in his very first disastrous year, something additional in the second and still more in this third. An average of about one or two first class players a year were developed by Dahlen out of raw re-

ruits, until now, in the beginning of his fourth season as head of the team, he has what appears to be by far the most promising young team in either league. The veteran of the bunch, Nap Rucker, is still a young man baseball speaking. He has been with the club only five years and just now is showing if anything increased cunning. Jake Daubert, the most reliable first baseman in the game, has three-fourths of his career ahead of him, and the rest of the array is almost still in the debut stage.

The principal factor that has brought the ump of the Dodgers from lower to upper half of the standing is Otto Miller. Let him who will arise and deny it—Otto Miller, though a stripling, is the best throwing catcher in the game. Get that, the best throwing catcher in the game, and even up in every other feature of playing his position with any other man in the game, barring not Jimmy Archer, not Roger Bresnahan, not Al Smith, not anybody. Several will hit the ball harder than Miller and several will run bases better, but as a catcher pure and simple, he is the blue ribbon of them all, and when the team takes its first swing around the western circuit, becoming a week hence, the trans-Allegheny vigilants will be treated to an exhibition of catching unsurpassed by Johnny Kling in his prime.

Jimmy Archer gets credit for being the original "squatting" catcher. In this respect Miller out—Archer. With his toes only touching the ground, he literally sits on his heels. When a ball is low, he is right there to dig it out of the turf. When it is high, he is in perfect position to set a flying springer, and goes up as high for them as any man in the business. Likewise he can leap to either side with equal facility. But the main thing is this—he can uncork a bullet throw from any position. If the batsman is a left hander and apparently in the way of his arm, he twists that member over his head in an odd sort of backhand motion and gets the same amount of speed into the hurl. Miller never signals for a pitchout, accordingly, and as a result, the pitcher does not get himself in the hole, but the batter instead.

Moreover, the Brooklyn pitchers do not waste throws to the bases to hold a runner close so as to break up the hit and run play or make a steal hard. They let the runner get practically all the lead he wants because Miller's wing is so swift and sure that he can cut them down anyway. This saves the strength of the twirler for use on the batter. However, if the runner gets too long a lead off the base, such a long lead that a throw can catch him napping, Miller signals for a peg to the base and the pitcher shoots it over and puts the man out. George Cutshaw, the second baseman, who has kept tab on Brooklyn pitchers, throws to first base, says that at least two-thirds of such things have resulted in putouts this year. Another way in which Miller helps the pitcher by this is that he does the watching and let's the twirler concentrate on the task in hand.

Next to Miller, the most important additions to the team are Bob Fisher who is playing a rattling good shortstop, and Charley Stengel, who has proved himself a slugger of the first degree and a fielder of dependability. Cutshaw, at second, works with Fisher much as Collins and Barry of the Athletics co-operate. Of course, neither compares with the wonderful Mack-men, but they show latent possibilities of growing into stars of almost that grade. Red Smith has been holding down third base equally capably and has been hitting in the pinches. Daubert, about whom nothing need be said, completes the quartet. It is the first time since Hanlon that the team has had a regular infield.

On one side of Stengel, in left field, is Zach Wheat, recognized as one of the game's premieres, and for right field there are four available. Herbert Moran, slugging old John Hummel, Penny Meyer and Patsy Callahan are taking turns. Hummel is kept mainly because of his hitting and the other three are fighting it out. There are not more than two outfielders in the league that can shape up as well as Brooklyn's.

Nap Rucker is the leader of a first class pitching staff. Lefty Allen, the other southpaw, who cost \$5,000, at last is showing his true worth, and Pat Ragen is proving a trusty right-hander. Smoke Stack Cliff Curtis and Dutch Wagner have slipped in an occasional stretch of good work. When Baron Knetzer, the late holdout, rejoins them in good shape, the staff will be well rounded out. At present Rucker, Allen and Ragen have been rotating for three games, with the fourth divided between the others, and even such powerful sluggers as the Cubs were held to low scores in their recent series.

Thus far the Dodgers have won every series they have played except one, the first of the year with the Phillies, in which the Quakers beat them four out of five by taking every victory on a one-run margin. Three out of four from the Cubs, the same against the Giants and six out of eight from the Braves seem to indicate that the team is consistent despite its youth.

Most promising young team in the business is right? Pennant this year? No. Pennant next year? Within the realms of possibility. Pennant in 1915? More than likely. Every one of these fledglings should be a better ball player by that time, and if Bill Dahlen keeps on and adds one or two more real ball players per twelve months, we are likely to gaze upon one of the best teams gathered in a decade before many winters pass.

ENTRIES FOR THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC

Chicago, May 17.—The committee receiving entries for the American Olympic games, to be held at Grant Park—here from June 25 to July 6, announce that more than 50 clubs and college athletics associations have announced that they will send teams to compete.

The Irish American A. C. of New York, which is probably the strongest club in individual stars in the country, has promised to be represented by its strongest field and track men.

MAY BE RITCHIE'S NEXT OPPONENT



YOUNG SHUGRUE.

New York, May 17.—That Young Shugrue, the promising young scrapper of the local lightweight crop, may be selected to fight Champion Willie Ritchie on July 4 at either San Francisco or Los Angeles, is the fodder that is being served up to the fight fans hereabouts. Shugrue is a very willing boy and good in his class, but there are many who think that Champion Ritchie would be endeavoring to pick something soft if he tries to match up with Shugrue for a date that should be filled with only the toughest kind of a battle.

INDIANA AUTO RACES

Decoration Day Event This Year Will Be One of the Greatest Races Ever Held in This Country—Cars and Their Drivers

Indianapolis, May 17.—The greatest automobile race ever held in this country is what the management of the Indianapolis speedway planning for May 20. The fastest cars in the world and the most daring drivers of the United States and Europe have been entered and are now whirling around the great track on practice spin.

Thirty-one cars have been entered for the great 500-mile auto classic and it now looks as if records after records will be topped by the flying speed demons on Memorial day. One of the most recent entries to be received by the officials of the race is that of Robert H. Pennebaker, a wealthy sportsman of Memphis, Tenn., who has entered a car which he has had especially built and which he will drive himself. It has powerful engines and is said to be one of the fastest cars ever built in this country.

Mr. Pennebaker has also petitioned the American Automobile association for a driver's license so as to be eligible to pilot his own entry. He has never had any track experience, it is said, but he is a veteran of the road, and is reputed to be an expert driver, cool headed and scientific, but in no way lacking in nerve and daring. Mr. Pennebaker has also made the unusual request that he be allowed to drive without a mechanic, as did Harroun, winner of the 500-mile race at Indianapolis in 1911. It is scarcely possible, however, that this request will be granted, since the contest board of A. A. A. management of the Indianapolis motor speedway does not believe in permitting race participants to assume any unnecessary risks, and it is deemed expedient that a mechanic shall ride with every driver to keep a lookout for other cars.

This is the second car to be entered in the coming 500-mile race which is equipped with the Knight motor. The first, the Mercedes-Knight, entered several days ago by E. C. Patterson of Chicago, and which will be driven by Pilette, the famous Belgian, mark-

de the introduction of the aiding valve to the long distance race. It is considered a complete innovation in racing circles and will be watched closely by those interested in the technical side of racing cars. The foreign built Mercedes is a smaller car than the American car entered by Pennebaker, but since they both carry the same sliding valve engines their performances should offer an interesting study. It is generally conceded that in no way can a car be tested as thoroughly as in the long grind in the Indianapolis motor speedway and a battle royal is expected between these two Knight equipped cars.

The chug of the big racing chariots is becoming an every day sound at the Indianapolis motor speedway nowadays. The Stutz team is working every day and making records which auger well for the showing of these cars on May 20. Ralph DePalma and Spencer Wishart, who, with Caleb Bragg, will compose the Mercer team, are also at the speedway subjecting the smallest of their three cars to a severe workout. DePalma and Wishart are taking turns at the wheel and in addition to testing tires they are giving the engine of the car a good tuning up. Johnny Jenkins is also trying out his Schacht entry, and although he has not tried to make any records as yet, he is studying his engine thoroughly and as soon as he feels perfectly acquainted with it will turn on full power in an attempt against time.

The first week of May will witness many interesting additions to the colony of drivers and mechanics gathered at the speedway and by May 12 it is expected that all of the cars entered will be trying their paces on the big brick oval. The Peugeot cars which are coming from France, and the Sunbeam, which will be shipped from England, are expected in Indianapolis by that time, and Goux, the record smashing Peugeot pilot, who recently put a crimp in all the world's speed records at the Brooklands track in England, is bound to be the center of attraction. His team mate, Zucarelli, together with Albert Guyot, the Frenchman, who will pilot the Sunbeam car, arrived with Goux, and they will lose no time in familiarizing themselves with the Indianapolis track. The three Isottas which now are assured entries, have arrived in New York, and will be brought to Indianapolis shortly. It is said that E. E. Hewlett, the California race enthusiast, who will enter one of these Italian cars, has completed arrangements with Teddy Tetzlaff to drive his entry. R. C. Gilhooly, who has brought the cars to this country, will undoubtedly pilot another, while the driver for the third has not yet been nominated.

Speed monsters and masters in five hundred mile race follow:

| Car | Driver |
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| Stutz | Anderson |
| Stutz | Mertz |
| Nyberg | Endicott |

| Keeton | Burman |
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| Mason | Unknown |
| Mason | Unknown |
| Stutz | Unknown |
| Henderson | Herr |
| Fox Special | Knipper |
| Smada | Wilcox |
| Peugot | Adams |
| Peugot | Goux |
| Amel | Zucarelli |
| Schacht | Liesaw |
| Mercer | Jenkins |
| DePalma | DePalma |
| Bragg | Wishart |
| Mercer-Knight | Pelletier |
| Isotta | Grant |
| Isotta | Tetzlaff |
| Isotta | Not Nominated |
| Case | Diebrow |
| Case | Nikrent |
| Case Mercedes | Endicott |
| Mercedes Immortal | Mullford |
| Immortal Special Knight | G. Green |
| Special Knight | Pennebaker |
| Tulsa | Clark |
| Unknown | Not Nominated |

JAP CHALLENGES WILLIE HOPPE

New York, May 17.—Koji Yamada, the Japanese billiard expert, who has challenged Willie Hoppe for the 18.2 balk line title, will be given his chance at the championship on May 27, when these two wizards of the cue will match their skill.

Under the rules governing the championship the holder of it must play within sixty days from the date on which a challenge becomes effective, but cannot compel the challenger to play in less than forty days. Hoppe agreed to promptly accept the deft, exercising his prerogative and name the shorter limit as the time for the match.

Yamada, wished more time in which to prepare, but had to abide by the champion's decision.

The prospective contest promises to be usually attractive. Both of the principals are fine exponents of the intricacies and beauties of balckline billiards. Hoppe is the more resourceful, Yamada the more spectacular. While the champion gathers caroms all over the table, the Oriental confines his operations as far as possible to the ends of the table, where he executes draws and masse shot with either hand with equal facility.

MERCER SLOWLY RECOVERING.

Philadelphia, May 17.—It is feared that Roy Mercer, captain of the University of Pennsylvania track team, may not compete at the intercollegiate championships on May 30. The big jumper is not yet over the effects of the illness that kept him out of the Penn relays and his physician has forbade him to train. The Penn team is very weak in the jumping department and Mercer had been counted upon to hold up the Red and Blue in the broad jump.

YOUNGSTER TAKES MEREDITH'S PLACE



A. S. Robinson of Mercerburg academy, the new school boy phenomenon, who is expected to rival Ted Meredith's performances on the cinder path this season.

In Cleveland a teacher is required to work fifteen years before she can receive the maximum salary, \$1000.

WOULD SPEND MILLION TO DOWN UNCLE SAM



The Duke of Westminster, the wealthiest young nobleman in Great Britain, through whose efforts the English polo team that will endeavor to wrest the international trophy from the veteran Yankee team next month was formed.

Ever since the American successfully defended their laurels two years ago against the attacks of the British Chancellors, the sport-loving and patriotic young Duke has had agents scouring the whole of England for material for a team that "can beat the Yankees. He bought up the best English ponies that could be found and invited all promising players to be guests at his beautiful country home in Leicestershire, where they were given a convinced idea that at last he had a team that would bring the coveted trophy back to England.

The first setback given the plans to Westminster was the injury to Captain Buckmaster, the greatest individual star in England who fell from his horse during a practice game two weeks ago and sustained such severe injuries that he was unable to accompany the team to America. With Buckmaster in the lineup even Americans considered the British combination unbeatable, but the Duke has taken the loss like a real sporting man and maintains that the team he has organized is still strong enough to whip the Americans, which he predicts they will do when the tournament is played at the Long Island field next month.